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REPORT OF THE 1996 UNITED NATIONS/FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Conference met at United Nations Headquarters on 4 November 1996.

2. The Conference was opened by the Secretary-General.

B. Attendance

3. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States:

Andorra, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia, and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Indonesia, Italy, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen

4. Representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Regional Commissions New York Office also attended the Conference.

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C. Election of officers

5. At its meeting on 4 November, the Conference elected by acclamation the following officials:

President: Mr. Erich Vilchez Asher (Nicaragua)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Sisowath Sirirath (Cambodia)
Mr. Dirk Wouters (Belgium)

D. Documentation

6. The Conference had before it a World Food Programme background note.

E. Announcement of pledges

7. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to the Programme and took note of the fact that several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions but proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.